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- 1. Three tunnels are under construction in Plovdiv, as follows:
 - a. Two in Armensko Hill, started in 1951; and
 - b. One in Nebet Hill; informant was unable to specify when construction started.
- One of the tunnels in Armensko Hill runs from Maksim Gorki Street, opening near a bridge over the Maritsa River (see No. 1 of the sketch in Appendix, page 2). This tunnel is in an advanced stage of construction.
- 3. The other tunnel on Maksim Gorki Street goes into the interior of the hill in a southwestern direction. Informant did not know exactly where it opens (see Ho. 2 of the sketch). Work on this tunnel is proceeding slowly.
- h. These two tunnels have a diameter approximately that of railroad tunnels. Informant noted the presence of narrow-gauge rail cars and pneumatic hammers. Mine explosives are used at both locations.
- 5. Concerning the tunnel indicated as No. 1 on the sketch, informant heard that it is to be an underground connection between Maksim Gorki Street and the Maritsa River. Informant could give no details concerning tunnel No. 2.
- 6. Informant heard that the tunnel under Nebet Hill is being constructed for a new road to Isarkapia (sic) because the old road is dangerous.

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